

# Electoral Politics Committee Provisional Constitution

## Purpose

The Electoral Politics Committee of the Orange County chapter of the Democratic Socialists of America exists for the following purposes.

- To research candidates and ballot propositions that will be voted on in Orange County, California.
- To provide recommendations to both the general membership and the Executive Committee regarding candidates, propositions, and bills to recommend, endorse, and support.
- To construct a platform and voter guide that can be used to influence those beyond the DSA's membership.
- To organize (canvassing, phone banking, etc) on behalf of worthy candidates and ballot propositions.

## Endorsement Process

The chapter's endorsement process will begin when a member, at a general meeting, a committee meeting, or between meetings, raises a candidate, proposition, or bill for endorsement. The endorsement will be discussed and voted on at the next meeting of the electoral politics committee. The endorsement must be discussed within one month of the general meeting at which the issue is raised, or at the next committee meeting.

Should the endorsement pass out of committee with consensus support from the members present at that meeting, the Electoral Politics Committee *will recommend* that the Executive Committee and the general membership vote in favor of the endorsement. The endorsement will then require two thirds approval from both the present voting members of the Executive Committee and the general membership.

Should the endorsement NOT pass out of committee with consensus support, the Electoral Politics Committee *will NOT recommend* that the Executive Committee and the general membership vote in favor of the endorsement. In this case, any member of the committee may speak in front of the Executive Committee, and the general membership, in favor of, or against, the endorsement. The endorsement may still pass with the same two thirds approval from both the present voting members of the Executive Committee and the general membership.

Should the committee reach a consensus that the endorsement NOT pass, the Electoral Politics Committee will recommend that the Executive Committee and the general membership vote AGAINST the endorsement. Even in this case, the endorsement may still pass with two thirds

approval from both the present voting members of the Executive Committee and the general membership.

When the general membership and Executive Committee need to ratify an endorsement, the general membership will vote before the Executive Committee.

### **Committee Structure**

Should it become necessary, the committee may elect a chair, or co-chairs, who will be responsible for setting an agenda, facilitating the meetings, and reporting the decisions made at the meetings to the executive committee. The length of a term will be left to the committee membership to decide, but shall not exceed one year.

Any changes to the structure or purpose of this committee must be approved by a vote of the Executive Committee.